WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Complaints regarding Marketing of some Petroleum Products in Gujarat and Delhi

*523. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints received from the consumers about the sale of under-weight cylinders by LPG agencies and adulteration in Petrol/Diesel/Kerosene in Gujarat and Delhi during the year 1993 and so far during the year 1994; and

(b) the details thereof and number of persons arrested and action taken against them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) According to the Oil Companies the number of established complaints is as follows:

	Gujarat		Delhi	
	1993	1994 up March)	1993	1994 (upto March)
1. Underweight cylinders	4	..	7	1
2. Adulteration in Petrol	..	..	..	..
3. Adulteration in Diesel	..	..	..	..
4. Adulteration in SKO	..	..	..	..

No person has been arrested in this regard. The LPG distributors found guilty of supplying underweight cylinders were warned and the cylinders were replaced

Performance of Visakhapatnam Port

*526. DR. SANJAYA SINH : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any appreciable growth of traffic and use of Visakhapatnam Port during each of the last three years;

(b) the details of tonnage carried by this port during the above period;

(c) whether the turn-around time for ships is increasing; and

(d) if so, whether there is any proposal to reduce turn-around time for ships in Visakhapatnam Port ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The volume of cargo handled by Visakhapatnam Port during the last three years alongwith the growth rate over the previous years is as under:

Year	Cargo handled (Million tonnes)	Percentage growth over the previous year
1991-92 . . .	21.52	10.8
1992-93 . . .	22.77	5.8
1993-94 . . .	25.60*	12.4

(*Provisional figure)

(c) No, Sir. The average turn-round time for ships at Visakhapatnam Port during the period April—February, 1993-94 was 6.10 days as against 7.34 days during the corresponding period of the previous year.

(d) Does not arise.

प्रकाश टन्डन समिति के प्रतिवेदन का कार्यान्वयन

*527. **श्री राम जेठमलानी :**
श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज :

क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि रेलवे में सुधार हेतु सुझाव देने के लिये नियुक्त प्रकाश टंडन समिति ने अपना प्रतिवेदन सरकार को सौंप दिया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो प्रतिवेदन कब सौंपा गया था और क्या सरकार ने उसे कार्यान्वित करने का निर्णय कर लिया है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में की जा रही कार्यवाही का ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(घ) स्वीकृत सिफारिशों को अधिकतम किस अवधि तक कार्यान्वित करने की संभावना है ?

रेल मंत्री (श्री सी० के० जाफ़र शरीफ़) : (क) से (घ) रिपोर्ट मार्च, 1994 में प्रस्तुत की गई थी। ग्रुप "ए" सेवा में भर्ती के एकीकरण और क्षेत्रीय रेलों को शक्तियां अन्तरित करने से संबंधित सिफारिशों को सिद्धान्त रूप से स्वीकार कर लिया गया है। एकीकृत भर्ती के तौर-तरीके निर्धारित करने के लिए उच्च स्तरीय समिति गठित की गई है। अन्य स्वीकृत सिफारिशों पर कार्रवाई करने के लिए, यदि आवश्यक हुआ, इसी प्रकार की समितियां गठित की जाएंगी, इस समय यह बताना संभव नहीं है कि इन्हें कब तक कार्यान्वित कर दिया जाएगा।

Improvement in the National Highway from Assam-West Bengal border to Guwahati

*528. DR. B. B. DUTTA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that segment of National Highway from Serampure near Assam—West Bengal border to Guwahati is the life line for entire North Eastern Region;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether Government propose to widen this National Highway making two-lanes either way alongwith other improvement to ensure uninterrupted vehicular traffic especially during flood seasons; and

(d) if so, details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. This stretch is an important link for traffic from West Bengal border to Guwahati in Assam and other States in the Norh-Eastern region.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Due to financial constraints, it is not possible to widen these National Highways to 4-lanes during the 8th Plan Period.

Death of birds and animals in Padmaja Naidu Zoological Park, Darjeeling

*529. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some rare species of birds and